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CC: Kristien Knapp - AO-IO

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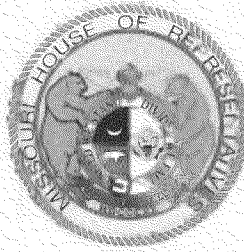
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JUSTIN ALFERMAN

State Representative
District 61

March 9, 2016

The Honorable Gina McCarthy, Administrator
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OFFICE OF THE
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Re: 1 Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I understand that on February 17, 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) rejected the state of Missouri's recommendation that the Franklin County Missouri Area be classified as "unclassifiable" for the revised 1 Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide (1 Hour S02 NAAQS) promulgated by USEPA. Instead, USEPA has proposed that the Franklin County Missouri Area be designated as non-attainment. EPA's proposed decision is contrary to the overwhelming technical information, and the proposed decision violates the intent of the state of Missouri's decision, expressed through a vote of the general assembly and signature by the Governor, to require that any designation within its own borders be based upon the best available scientific information including actual monitored data. USEPA decision is arbitrary, wrong and must be reversed.

The 1 Hour S02 NAAQS arises from the Clean Air Act and is more specifically defined in the code of federal regulations 40 CFR 50.17. The specific requirement is: 1-hour S02 standard of 75 ppb. In 2015 the Missouri legislature enacted Senate Bill 445 which was signed into the law by Governor Nixon. SB445 provides that designation decisions should be made with full consideration of the best available information including, if a source elects to install a monitoring network, actual ambient air quality data collected.

Two air monitors were installed in April, 2015 at locations around the Labadie Energy Center. The locations were chosen pursuant to EPA criteria. One monitor has operated continuously since installation. The other operated continuously until it was impacted by the Christmas flood but I understand it will resume operating this month. There has not been a single reading on either monitor in which the 1 Hour S02 NAAQS was exceeded. The highest measured values range between 14 and 56 ppb, anywhere between 77% and 25% below the standard. A summary of the highest measured values is included in Attachment 1.

I believe that the EPA should use the best scientific data available to determine the quality of our air. Decisions regarding air classification should be factual rather than political.

For the people of Franklin County Missouri, this is a serious matter. A non-attainment designation will have long-term negative economic consequences.

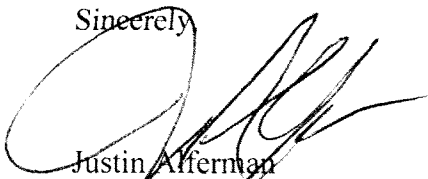
EPA's reliance on flawed science also has the long-term effect of eroding public confidence in the agency's credibility.

After full consideration of the best available information and actual data collected around the Franklin County Missouri Area, MDNR recommended to USEPA that the area be classified as "unclassifiable". In light of all the uncertainties around the air quality prediction model used by the regulators in these designation efforts and the almost one full year of actual monitored data that shows the air quality is far below the 1 Hour SO₂ NAAQS, MDNR believed, correctly, that more information is needed before a correct designation decision could be made. There is no benefit to recommending an area as non-attainment if the modeling cannot be considered reliable (even USEPA believes the model is not reliable without corrections under certain circumstances), and if full consideration of actual data could very well demonstrate that the area actually attains the standard.

Instead of celebrating the collective, positive air quality information, including specifically the actual data trending towards attainment and modeling showing attainment when site specific variables are used rather than generic default options, the USEPA rejected MDNR's recommendation and instead proposed a designation of non-attainment.¹ In rejecting MDNR's strongly supported recommendation, USEPA has failed the state of Missouri and its residents. There is no excuse for USEPA's failure to consider the monitored data gathered to date, failure to consider its own admitted flaws of modeling over prediction and failure to honor the mandate of the state of Missouri that designation decisions be based on good and meaningful science.

USEPA's decision to designate the Franklin County Missouri Area as non-attainment is arbitrary and erroneous. We ask that USEPA make a science based decision and classify the Franklin County, Missouri Area as unclassifiable so that additional technically sound data can be gathered to make a correct designation.

Sincerely,



Justin Afferman
State Representative – District 61

cc: The Honorable Sara Parker Pauley, Missouri Department of Natural Resources
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¹ The Agency also drew the jurisdictional boundaries to now include portions of Franklin County and portions of St. Charles County.



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Subject: DRF - Daily Reading File - 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Program
Instructions: AD-Prepare draft response for the Administrator's signature
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: Kristien Knapp - AO-IO
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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Washington DC 20460

Dear Madam Administrator:

Enclosed for your review is the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Program (Proposed Program). Section 18 of the OCS Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. §1344, requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare, periodically revise, and maintain a national oil and gas leasing program. The Five-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program is commonly known as the Five-Year Program. The Five-Year Program is a schedule of proposed lease sales determined to “best meet national energy needs for the 5 year period following its approval or reapproval.” The current Five-Year Program became effective on August 27, 2012, and will expire on August 26, 2017.

After a robust public comment process, the Mid- and South Atlantic Program Area lease sale proposed for 2021 in the Draft Proposed Program (DPP) has been removed from the Proposed Program for a number of reasons, including strong local opposition, conflicts with other ocean uses, and current market dynamics that limit the need for production resulting from one lease sale in the Atlantic. Therefore, the Proposed Program includes 13 potential lease sales in 4 program areas in all or parts of 6 OCS planning areas. This includes 10 sales in the combined Gulf of Mexico Program Area, and one sale each in the Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea, and Cook Inlet Program Areas offshore Alaska.

All comments and suggestions are welcome to help develop the 2017–2022 Program. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will consider information provided by your Agency and others in formulating the Proposed Final Program.

I look forward to your comments on the Proposed Program and continuing to work with you in this process. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Abigail Hopper, BOEM Director, at (202) 208-6300 or Abigail.Hopper@boem.gov.

Sincerely,


Sally Jewell

Enclosure



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Ms. Gina McCarthy
Administrator
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U.S.A.

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

Protecting Canada's freshwater, including the Great Lakes, is a key priority for the Government of Canada. As part of its plan for a clean environment and a sustainable economy, the Government will protect this vital transboundary ecosystem with a renewed sense of collaboration and constructive dialogue with civil society and stakeholders.

The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between Canada and the United States is an essential framework for ensuring binational consultation and co-operative action to restore and maintain the water quality and ecological health of the Great Lakes.

Following significant collaboration and stakeholder dialogue, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Government of Canada, to designate the following eight chemicals as the first chemicals of mutual concern under the Agreement:

- hexabromocyclododecane;
- polybrominated diphenyl ethers;
- perfluorooctanoic acid;
- perfluorooctane sulfonate;
- long-chain perfluorinated carboxylic acids;
- mercury;
- polychlorinated biphenyls; and
- short-chain chlorinated paraffins.

By designating these eight chemicals of mutual concern, Canada is signaling its intention to reduce their anthropogenic releases into the environment.

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I look forward to working with you to further protect one the world's largest repositories of freshwater, and one of the most diverse ecosystems on earth.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C McKenna', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change



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Subject: DRF - Daily Reading File - Concerns over recent rulings that have a negative impact on the agriculture industry
Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns
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General Notes: N/A
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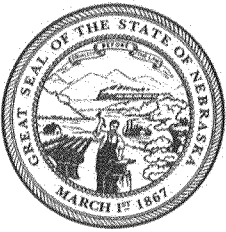
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March 17, 2016

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I am writing this letter regarding my concerns over recent rulings by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that have a negative impact on the agriculture industry. When rulings by the EPA are determined without the use of scientific-based information and state input, it creates regulations that put unnecessary and unfair burdens upon farmers and ranchers.

The burden of unnecessary and constraining EPA rule-making can greatly inhibit the success of agriculture in Nebraska, which is vital to the overall economy of the state. In 2014, cash receipts generated by Nebraska's agriculture industry totaled almost \$25 billion. In fact, one in every four jobs in our state, and a quarter of our economic activity, is related to agriculture.

Critical rulings by the EPA that are determined by political motivation or abstract philosophies result in regulations that do not achieve sound objectives. It is important that rules affecting natural resources vital to agriculture are created based on credible scientific research.

In a recent roundtable discussion with several of our state's farmers and ranchers, a frequent concern expressed was how over-regulation from the EPA had negatively impacted their operations. These farm and ranch leaders are wanting and willing to do what is right to protect and preserve our environment, but want assurances that EPA rule-making is based on sound scientific conclusions.

I urge the EPA to seek input from scientific bodies and state and local government agencies when developing these rules that have such a profound effect on the agriculture industry. Those of us at the "ground level" have direct contact with the stakeholders most impacted by such rules.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Greg Ibach
Director